GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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INSTALMENT OF METRO CHANNELS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representations from the State Governments,including Maharashtra for installing Metro Channel transmitters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the time by which these transmitters are likely to be made functional?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b): Prasar Bharati have informed that requests for establishment of Metro channeltransmitters have been received from the Governments of Karnataka, Rajasthan, UttarPradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Arunachal Pradesh during the last 3 years. No request for establishment of Metro channel transmitters has been received from Government ofMaharashtra, but a request for establishment of HPT at Pandharpur, had been received in May, 2001.

(c) & (d): At present, there are 123 Metro channel transmitters functioning in the country. For further expansion of Metro channel coverage, 47 transmitter projects are under implementation in various parts of the country, including the following 10 transmitters in Maharashtra:

i) HPTs-Pune and Aurangabad
ii) LPTs-Nasik, Amravati, Kolhapur, Sangli, Malegaon, Akola, Nanded and Dhule.

The above mentioned projects are expected to be completed in phases during 2002 and 2003.